

Maundy Thursday Communion & Tenebrae

(* Please stand if comfortable doing so)

Respecting the solemnity of this night, please exit the sanctuary in silence

Maundy is the English form of the Latin word meaning commandment. Jesus' new commandment to "Love one another even as I have loved you"

Tenebrae is the Latin term for *shadows*. It is a service of lessons accompanied by the gradual extinguishing of lights.

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is a night to remember.

Many: We remember the Passover meal Jesus shared with his disciples.

One: We remember his new covenant of broken bread and cup.

Many: We remember his night alone in the garden in prayer.

One: We remember his arrest, his trial, his suffering, the denial of his friend.

Many: We remember this night and thank God for Jesus' presence with us then and with us now.

*HYMN #428 "An Upper Room with Evening Lamps Ashine"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, we need your help to face the challenges of this night. Our intentions are good. We want to share in the heritage of our faith, to remember the saving drama of Passover and to celebrate Jesus' last meal with close friends. We want to be disciples, but we also count the cost and tremble. Incline your ear to us and hear our supplications. We gather as your servant people, knowing we are precious in your sight, yet afraid to take the risk of trusting you completely. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

John 13: 21- 30

MEDITATION

FACES AT THE TABLE

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Mélodie - Élégie"
(Massenet)

Ally Donnelly, flute
Susan Walter, piano

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Confession

One: Forgive us, merciful God when we deny you
and betray those who seek our welfare.

Many: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, we humbly pray.

One: Forgive us when we forget your story
and deny your place in our lives.

Many: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, we humbly pray.

One: Forgive us when we wash our hands of responsibility
and refuse to stand up for truth,

Many: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, we humbly pray.

One: Forgive us when we follow crowds that would crucify,
when we listen to ideas that destroy,

Many: Have mercy upon us. O Lord, we humbly pray.

One: Forgive us when we mock and scorn others,
without listening to their cries of despair.

Many: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, we humbly pray.

One: Forgive us when we deny the reality of pain and death,
when we hide in the shadow of denial,

Many: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, we humbly pray.

One: Walk with us through the valley of the shadow of death, merciful God,
that we may find the courage to face evil, knowing that you are on this
road with us.

Words of Assurance

Offering forgiveness abundantly and lovingly, Christ gives the gift of a clean heart and a clear conscience. Receive this forgiveness and trust in the goodness of God.

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Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Special Music

"What Language Shall I Borrow"
(Gerhardt/Alexander/Parks)

Combined Choir
Katie Maurer, director
Susan Walter, piano

Readings and Extinguishing of Candles

Scripture Reading **The Shadow of Decision** **Matthew 26: 36-46**
Go to Dark Gethsemane (#196, verses 1&2)
(1st Candle is Extinguished)

Scripture Reading **The Shadow of Betrayal** **Matthew 26: 47-50**
(2nd Candle is Extinguished)

Scripture Reading **The Shadow of Desertion** **Matthew 26:51-56**
Beneath the Cross of Jesus (#197, verses 1&2)
(3rd Candle is Extinguished)

Scripture Reading **The Shadow of Denial** **Luke 22: 54-62**
(4th Candle is Extinguished)

Scripture Reading **The Shadow of Rejection** **Mark 15: 6-15**
Were You There (#198, verses 1-3)
(5th Candle is Extinguished)

Scripture Reading **The Shadow of Humiliation** **Matthew 27: 27-31**
(6th Candle is Extinguished)

Scripture Reading **The Shadow of Condemnation** **Luke 23: 33-43**
The Old Rugged Cross (#548, verses 1 &4)
(7th Candle is Extinguished)

Scripture Reading **The Shadow of Death** **Luke 23: 44-49**
(Remaining Candles are Extinguished)

Scripture Reading **John 1: 1-4, 14, 10, 12; 3:19**
(paraphrased)

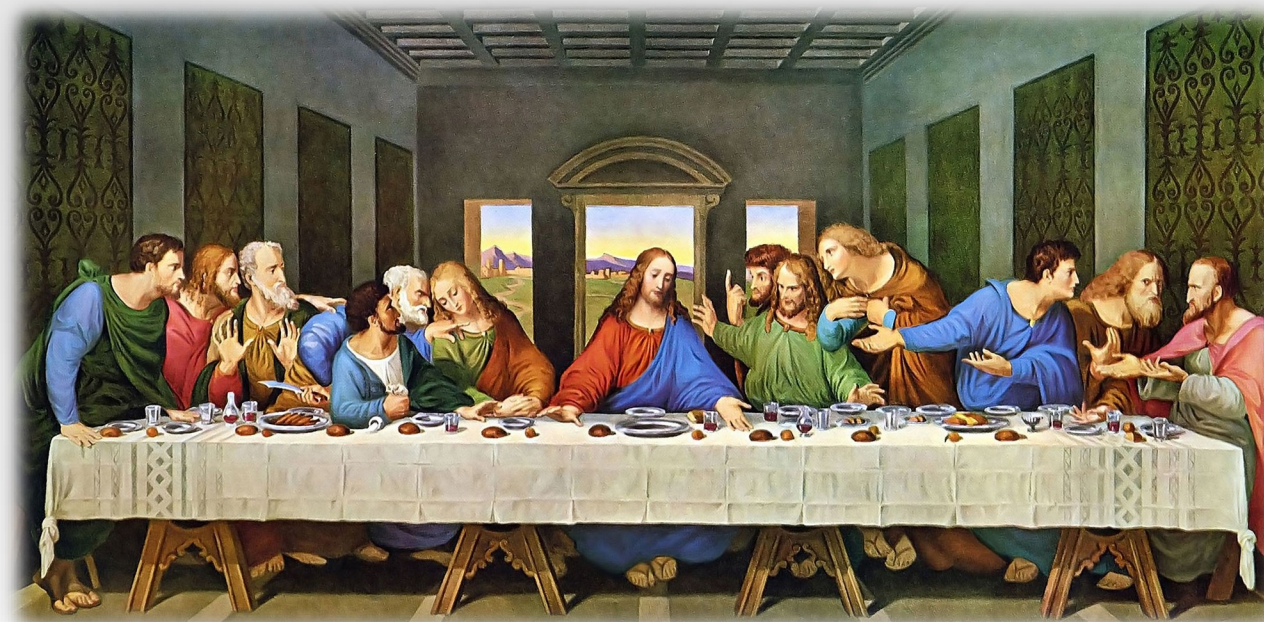
MOMENTS OF SILENCE AND MEDITATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Scripture Reading **John 1:5**

**Everyone is asked to leave the sanctuary in silence
There will be no benediction until Easter morning**

“FACES AT THE TABLE”



Zion Evangelical UCC and St. Paul's UCC

Maundy Thursday Service

April 14, 2022

6:30 pm